

have serious long-term side effects. We also added important provisions on protection from sexual assault and harassment recommended by the Office of Special Counsel report released earlier this year.

When volunteers return home from their service with debilitating injuries and illnesses, they should not have to spend months dealing with bureaucratic red tape at the Department of Labor before receiving care. This bill will ensure they immediately receive the care they need and deserve.

These common sense changes will make a big difference in ensuring the safety and security of our volunteers. But this bill is just a first step in protecting our volunteers.

I fought long and hard for a provision that unfortunately did not make it into the legislation that passed out of the House Foreign Affairs Committee today: to increase the disability payment provided to disabled returned volunteers so they can make ends meet. This important provision enjoyed broad support from Peace Corps volunteer groups, including Health Justice for Peace Corps and the National Peace Corps Association. I hope that this provision will one day become law. However, until then, the improvements in this bill are essential and valuable for our angels abroad.

A crucial provision that did make it in here was the extension of the authorization of the Sexual Assault Advisory Council for an additional 5 years. The Council was initially authorized by the Kate Puzey Act and serves to advise the Peace Corps on agency wide sexual assault policy. Without this important bill, the council's authority would lapse this year.

Peace Corps volunteers selflessly sacrifice years of their lives to help people they have never even met. Often in some of the most desolate, even dangerous, places of the world. They are the face of our country in places where America's shining beacon of hope and liberty may not always shine so bright. Their service to our country should not turn into a nightmare that ruins, or even ends their lives.

As a former judge, I can tell you that it is our duty to do everything within our power to protect our angels abroad. It's time to stand up and take action for our volunteers. They are some of the very best we have.

And that's just the way it is.

#### HONORING TEMPLE SHOLOM

#### HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2018*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Temple Sholom in the Lakeview neighborhood of Chicago, IL. Temple Sholom plays a critical role in the Reform movement in my home city of Chicago and throughout the world.

Founded in 1867, Temple Sholom is one of the oldest synagogues in the city. At the time, most Jewish institutions were located on the south side of Chicago, and Temple Sholom filled that neighborhood void by establishing a new community on the North Side. Having faced the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 and endured moves to several other locations over the years, the beautiful lakeside plot that is

home to the synagogue today proves that this institution is so much more than one building or address.

During the Civil Rights movement, Temple Sholom joined forces with a variety of religious groups to stand strong in defense of equal rights for all people—regardless of race. On October 21, 1964, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke to Chicago and the world from the sanctuary at Temple Sholom, which drew crowds from people of all denominations and backgrounds. Temple Sholom actively supports the same ideals of inclusion, diversity, and opportunity for all to this day.

The success of this congregation and its positive impact on the community is the direct result of the commitment and passion of its clergy, staff, and members. For 150 years, Temple Sholom has provided a place of comfort during painful times, a place of celebration during momentous occasions, and always, a safe, hospitable place for reflection and prayer. This institution continues to advance the vibrancy of the 5th Congressional District's diverse community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Temple Sholom. I offer my sincere congratulations to Rabbi Edwin Goldberg, Rabbi Scott Gellman, Associate Rabbi Shoshanah Conover, Cantor Sheera Ben-David, and Board President Marc Kaufman, the congregation's past and present staff, and the congregates who are celebrating this important milestone. I wish all the best in the years ahead and hope for another 150 years of important work for Temple Sholom.

#### RACHELLE KARDISCO

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Rachelle Kardisco for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Rachelle Kardisco received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Rachelle Kardisco is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Rachelle Kardisco for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

#### HONORING THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER'S 2018 PULITZER PRIZE

#### HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2018*

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend the staff of the Cincinnati Enquirer for their coverage of the opioid epi-

demic in Greater Cincinnati, a story which earned them the 2018 Pulitzer Prize in Local Reporting.

Their remarkable coverage of the opioid epidemic brought the severity of our region's plight to the nation's attention. The wide-ranging scope of the Enquirer's story—encompassing addiction, arrests, overdose, even pregnancy and birth—demonstrates just how pervasive and troubling the consequences of the opioid crisis are for millions of Americans.

A call to attention can often be a first step toward solving a problem like the opioid epidemic. In fact, resources for law enforcement, health care professionals, and mental health counselors to fight this epidemic have become more readily available than ever.

Mr. Speaker, I hope you'll join me in congratulating the Cincinnati Enquirer.

#### CELEBRATING LUNDBERG FAMILY FARMS 80TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2018*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lundberg Family Farms on the celebration of its 80th anniversary.

Since its founding in 1937 by Albert and Frances Lundberg, the rice-growing company has expanded substantially, now producing 18 different varieties of rice and many other rice products. Lundberg has become a national leader in the marketplace, and is growing quickly internationally.

This third-generation family business has strengthened our region's vibrant agricultural sector and created jobs throughout the Sacramento Valley. Even through substantial growth, Lundberg has continued using sustainable practices, ensuring that generations to come can further its rich farming tradition.

On behalf of the people of California's Third District, I congratulate Lundberg Family Farms on its 80th anniversary, and I know that our entire region joins me in wishing them continued success in the years ahead.

#### HONORING SPC. MICHAEL LIMA ON BEING NAMED 10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION SOLDIER OF THE YEAR

#### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2018*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Spc. Michael Lima on being named the 10th Mountain Division Soldier of the Year at Fort Drum, New York.

Each year, Fort Drum holds a competition for the prestigious title of Soldier of the Year. The competition features an Army Physical Fitness Test, land navigation, marksmanship competition, an obstacle course, a six-mile road march and other strategy and endurance tests. This year, the title goes to Spc. Michael Lima, an infantryman for the 3rd Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team in the 10th Mountain Division.

On behalf of the 21st District of New York, I would like to congratulate Spc. Michael Lima

on winning this esteemed title. Spc. Lima will now go on to represent the 10th Mountain Division in the XVIII Airborne Corps Soldier of the Year competition. I wish him the best of luck and want to extend my thanks for his dedicated service to the United States.

#### TRIBUTE TO MS. FLORENCE BASS

### HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2018*

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and extend my sincerest wishes to a remarkable woman, Ms. Florence Bass. Florence was born in the heart of Brooklyn, New York and throughout her life, broke down gender barriers in education and military service.

Growing up in the early 20th century, Florence remembers a life in Brooklyn filled with horse-drawn fire trucks, unpaved roads and time helping at her family's neighborhood candy store. Raised in a family that valued education, Florence was fortunate to attend many great schools, including New York University.

Later moving to New Orleans to attend Tulane University, Florence earned a Masters Degree in Social Work. At the start of World War II, she returned to New York City serving as a social worker to the Auxiliary Military Hospital Services. As one point, she was stationed at the historic Brooklyn Navy Yard, a pivotal site that's importance to the American's efforts earned it the nickname "the Can-Do Yard."

After the war, Florence worked for the Jewish Family and Children's Resettlement program to help refugees. Now at 104, Florence is a beloved community member living in Brooklyn Heights. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Florence Bass for her lifetime of hard work and service.

#### RECOGNIZING MAY AS GBS/CIDP AWARENESS MONTH

### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2018*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the month of May as GBS/CIDP Awareness Month. Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) is an inflammatory disorder of the peripheral nerves outside the brain and spinal cord and is characterized by the rapid onset of numbness, weakness, and often paralysis of the legs, arms, breathing muscles, and face. Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) is a rare disorder of the peripheral nerves characterized by gradually increasing sensory loss and weakness associated with loss of reflexes. The number of new cases per year of CIDP is about 1–2 per 100,000 people, but can be as high as 9 per 100,000 in some areas.

Founded by Estelle Benson, the GBS/CIDP Foundation International is the preeminent global non-profit organization supporting individuals and their families affected by Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS), chronic inflammatory

demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP), and related syndromes such as multifocal motor neuropathy (MMN) through a commitment to, education, research, and advocacy. I know firsthand the importance of the foundation's work; two of my daughters and a granddaughter have contracted Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS). The foundation provided us, as it does with all patients, a critical community of medical specialists and survivors and their families to ensure that all three were given the best treatment and could recover as quickly as possible.

Tonight, Estelle is being honored by The National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) with the Abbey S. Meyers Leadership Award on behalf of the Foundation for their continued dedication to supporting patients with GBS, CIDP and related conditions. I call on my colleagues to join me in congratulating Estelle Benson and recognizing the work of the GBS/CIDP Foundation International on behalf of patients and their families.

#### U.S. SUGAR IS UNDER ATTACK

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2018*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, American sugar is under attack on its home turf. Despite costing taxpayers absolutely nothing for 14 of the past 15 years, some want to dismantle this program, a program—I might add—that supports 140,000 jobs in 22 states.

Countries like Mexico flood and dump into our country cheap, low quality sugar, undercutting American producers. Meanwhile, Big Candy Corporations takes advantage of these low prices then argue that their foreign competitors pay less than they do, even though the data says otherwise. The reality is that sugar prices have stagnated over the last 30 years, stumbling behind the rate of inflation and forcing producers to work on razor-thin margins.

But Big Candy wants you to think they're being treated unfairly. In the 80's—back when my hair was blonde and my right hand held a gavel—your average candy bar cost about 35-cents and contained a mere 2-cents worth of sugar.

In 2018, the average candy bar costs about a buck-fifty and still contains only 2-cents worth of sugar in. Big Candy's profits rise and they keep the little guy's cut.

That's why we need U.S. sugar policy, Mr. Speaker. In the last thirty years, half of the U.S.'s sugar operations have shut down. If Big Candy gets its way, the other half will soon follow.

I appreciate fellow Texan, Chairman CONAWAY's tireless efforts in crafting this vital legislation and preserving America's Ag industry for another five years. I oppose any action to put American sugar growers out of business.

And that's just the way it is.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, I was absent for the evening vote series. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 181; YEA on Roll Call No. 182; and YEA on Roll Call No. 183.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF WILBERT LANNON

### HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2018*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Wilbert Lannon of Cotuit, Massachusetts; who turns 100 years young on Friday, May 25th.

Wilbert has been devoted to taking care of others from an early age. After growing up in Roslindale, he displayed his devotion to family when—following his father's passing—he chose to stay home and help instead of attending the United States Military Academy at West Point.

In 1950, Wilbert served his country in the United States Army Air Corps for four years. He returned home to Roslindale and married his wife Mary. They would go on to raise two children, Elizabeth and Ferne, and spend 55 blissful years of marriage together. The Lannon Family settled in Medfield and Wilbert, a dedicated and caring father, supported his family by working in the insurance business until his retirement in 2010.

Wilbert's daughter Elizabeth speaks incredibly highly of her father, noting his compassion and dedication to taking care of others. He truly understands the value of lending a hand. In 1960, he drove his family to the New York World Fair just to see his children smile. He has dedicated his life to caring for his family and loved ones, including spending every moment taking care of his daughter, Ferne and wife, Mary when they fell ill.

Today, he lives in Cotuit, near his loving daughter Elizabeth, where he continues to lend a hand to the residents of his retirement home. Wilbert, always ready to help, is truly beloved by everyone who has the opportunity to cross his path.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Wilbert Lannon on his 100th birthday. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing him many more years of good health and happiness.

#### CONGRATULATING NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2018*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize North Country Community College on its 50th anniversary.